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Unto His Grace *WILLIAM* Duke of *Hamiltoun* Their Majeſties High Commiſſioner, and the Honourable Eſtates of Parliament.

The Humble Petition of the Miniſters who Conformed to EPISCOPACY.

Humbly Sheweth,

THAT whereas *Epiſcopacy* is now aboliſhed within this Kingdom, and *Presbyterian* Government Eſtabliſhed by an Act of this current Parliament; by the which Eſtabliſhment We are ſecluded from having any ſhare in the ſaid Government, and ſo are debarred from the full Exerciſe of Our Miniſtry, as *Presbyters* of this National Church, whereby a Door is opened to much Profanety and Wickedneſs, Diſorders and Scandals are exceedingly increaſed, the Deſolations of the Church are in many places upon the growing hand; the Stumbling Blocks of Animoſities and Diviſions are ſtill more and more ſet up, and *Popery* and other Errors are diſſeminated and propagated among Our People: And We having given unqueſtionable Proofs, not only of Our Loyalty and Fidelity to Their Majeſties King *WILLIAM* and Queen *MARY*, by Our repeated Addreſſes to Them, Our Obedience to Their Laws, and Our hearty Prayers to Almighty GOD for the preſervation of Their Perſons, and proſperity of Their Government; But alſo of the Peaceableneſs of our Diſpoſitions, and ſincerity of Our Inclinations, for healing the Breaches of this divided Church, by Our readineſs to comply with ſuch Propoſals as were made to Us by Their Majeſties; And particularly at the late General Aſſembly; We condeſcend to thoſe Terms of Union, *viz.* That we will ſubmit to the *Presbyterian* Government of the Church, as is now by Law Eſtabliſhed within this Kingdom, under Their Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*; by *Presbytries*, Provincial Synods, and General Aſſemblies, that we will (as becometh Miniſters of the Goſpel) heartily concurr with the ſaid Government; for the ſuppreſſing of Sin and Wickedneſs, the promoting of Piety, and purging the Church of Erronious and and Scandalous Miniſters. And further, That we will ſubſcribe the Confeſſi- of Faith, and the Larger and Shorter Catechiiſm, now confirmed by Act of Parliament, as containing the Doctrine of the Proteſtant Religion, profeſſed within this Kingdom; with the which Terms of UNION Their Majeſties Declared *Themſelves to be well ſatisfied*; And the King by His Gracious Letter, to the Addreſſing Clergy, was pleaſed under His Royal Hand, to ſignifie ſo much, *Commanding us to offer thoſe Terms to the General Aſſembly, and promiſing His protection upon the performance of the ſame:* But notwithſtanding that we gave a Ready Obedience to His Majeſties Will, yet it pleaſed not the Aſſembly to accept of theſe our Offers.

May it therefore pleaſe Your Grace, and this moſt Honourable Court of Parliament, To take the premiſſes into your Serious Conſideration, and to allow us a Share in the Church Government, that ſo our Hands may be more ſtrengthned in the Exerciſe of our Miniſtry, Sin, Scandal, and Errour, ſuppreſſed among our People; and our Diviſions and Animoſities removed.

And Your Petitioners ſhall ever Pray, &c.

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